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VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communications in CS Docket 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on December 15, 2004, the following persons met in separate meetings with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Johanna Mikes Shelton, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein; and Jonathan Cody, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell, and Erin Dozier:

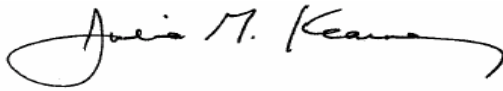
Matthew Zinn, General Counsel, TiVo, Inc.
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Andrew Moss, Director, Worldwide Technical Policy, Microsoft
Paula Boyd, Regulatory Counsel, Law and Corporate Affairs, Microsoft
Brian Markwalter, Vice President, Technology, CEA
Julie Kearney, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, CEA
Robert Schwartz, McDermott, Will, & Emery, counsel to CEA

During the meeting, we urged the Commission to maintain the requirement for all digital cable products -- including cable operator supplied set top box products -- to use separable security (*i.e.*, CableCARDs™) and to maintain the July 1, 2006 deadline for cable operators' compliance as currently written in 47 C.F.R. Section 76.1204. The discussion reflected arguments that CEA and its members have made in oral and written statements in the above-referenced docket.

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This letter is being provided to your office in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission rules. A copy of this letter has been delivered by e-mail to the meeting participants.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julie M. Kearney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Julie M. Kearney
Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Johanna Mikes Shelton
Jonathan Cody
Erin Dozier